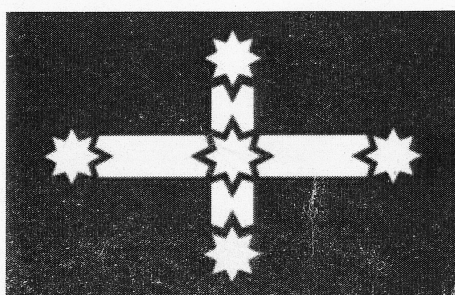
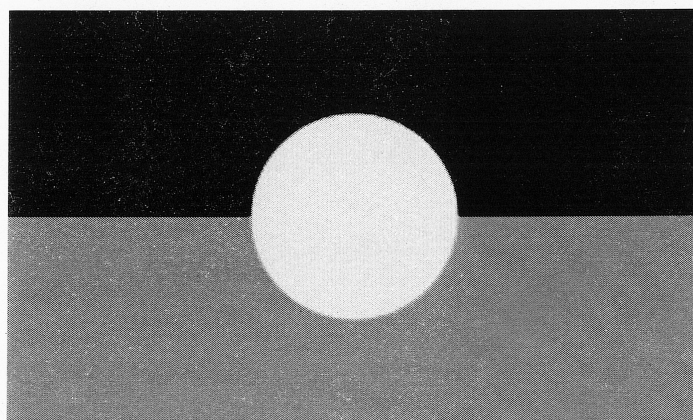


# Camp Anarchy 2012



## Programme & Reader



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The **Anarchist Melbourne Bookfair** will return again this year!

**Where:** Abbotsford Convent, Abbotsford, Melbourne

**When:** 10am-6pm, Saturday August 4th

**What:** Stalls, books, discussions, kids' space

**More info:** <http://www.amelbournebookfair.org/>



## Welcome



Camp Anarchy is organised by the same people who organised the Anarchist Melbourne Bookfair (<http://amelbournebookfair.org/>) last August. Its inspiration is Pinksterlanddagen (<http://www.pinksterlanddagen.nl/>), an anarchist camp held in the Netherlands for nearly 90 years. At the Dutch camp there are stalls, workshops, and anarchist theatre and music and we hope to replicate this at Camp Eureka over this and future Labour Day weekends.

Our aim is to bring anarchists, their families, friends and those new to the wide anarchist community together in a welcoming bush setting; to relax and share ideas, news, resources, skills, food, laughter, and to organise for future struggle and change.

If you need to talk to a camp organiser please call **0450 473 257**.

**IF YOU CAN TAKE YOUR OWN RUBBISH HOME THAT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP!**

## Food

Dinners will be ready at 6pm in the Kitchen. They are being cooked by the volunteers of the Camp Eureka collective (vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options) to raise money for the camp. The price is \$15 for nibbles, a main and a dessert.

**IMPORTANT: You must purchase a \$15 dinner ticket by 2pm if you want to be catered for!**

Lunch at 12 noon will also be provided in the Kitchen for a minimal price. Breakfasts are BYO and DIY but you are welcome to use the kitchen facilities – please don't forget to clean up after yourself.

## Dogs

Dogs are allowed on a lead but are your responsibility, especially regarding neighbours' livestock (they don't like sheep chasers!).

## Camp Eureka

Camp Eureka (<http://campeureka.org.au/>) was:

- Constructed out of love, sweat and bush timbers by the Eureka Youth League, the Communist Party and the trade union movement, during the period of restrictions on building materials after the Second World War.

- The holiday camp for the Eureka Youth League (EYL), a socialist youth group, where many young people, including many now prominent Australians, experienced collective life and planned to change the world to one where peace, equality and economic and social justice prevailed.
- After the demise of the EYL in 1968 briefly left unused, with people looking for ways to maintain and enhance the Camp.

Camp Eureka is:

- Now maintained, since 1973, by the Camp Eureka Working Collective, a group of people interested in preserving and enhancing this historic inheritance and resource.
- 75 minutes from Melbourne at 100 Tarrango Road, Yarra Junction. Melway Reference 288 K10.
- Available for hire by environmental, social justice, peace, low income and other appreciative groups at very reasonable rates.
- Victorian Heritage listed since March 2002.

## **Camp Anarchy Safer Spaces Policy**

Before we start we recognize the Wurundjeri peoples as the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of this land. Sovereignty was never ceded.

We want to explore how we can balance our many ideas of change and new ways of being with respect for the cultures, stories and needs of Indigenous peoples of this land. To question how we might be able to create self-organizing societies that can coexist with Aboriginal peoples. We need to consider what a safer places policy might mean in the context of ongoing genocide of Aboriginal people.

### **What is a safer spaces policy?**

Recognizing that not all spaces will be safe at all times for all people we say 'safer' not 'safe'. But that together we want to work to constantly challenge our behaviors and the behaviours of others to create space that is SAFER. A safer spaces policy is one small step towards the pro-active search for, and building of, safe communities.

A safer spaces policy is not a set of rules. It is not restrictions or guidelines imposed by other people telling you what to do. Let's think about our privileges, our behaviour, our words and the impact they have on others. Let's open our minds to the possibility that we may make others feel unsafe. Our challenge then is to change that.

The following is not an exhaustive statement. It can't be. Safety can't be written down on paper... But some of the things we think of when we dream of safety....

### ***Our Safer Spaces Policy***

- We dream of working towards achieving a classless society, a world without sexual assault, a world without intimate violence, a world without racism, systemic coercion and institutional domination.
- We need to recognize the people that have different experiences of the same spaces. We need to recognize that people have many different ideas about how we will make changes in the world.

- We want to acknowledge the varied journeys that have brought people here today. We want to celebrate our successes and honour our scars.
- We want to challenge each other in our relationships and in our ways of being and behaving. For those of us socialized in the dominant western culture, we have learnt to replicate coercion in many forms, to compete, to see all things as objects, to dominate each other and to submit to the role of another. We want to seek out the capitalist, the racist, the rapist, the dictator, and the carelessly ignorant within and relearn our ways of being with one another.
- We ask, please – are you speaking too much? Are you a white middle class man dominating discussion? A man standing over a woman? A highly educated woman speaking too much? We ask that you look around and look for those who are not being heard. And then open up a space for them to share.
- We need to accept that no space can be totally safe for all peoples. However, we need to believe that through self-organising, community agreements and willingness to challenge and be accountable for our behaviours we can create a space that is safe.
- We acknowledge the widespread sexual and intimate violence that so many people experience, mainly women and children. We need to examine how this impacts on the lives of everyone and how this impacts upon where and how we feel safe.
- We want people to share and explore amazing relationships, to seek active consent for all sexual and intimate activities. We need to eliminate the occurrences of sexual assault, gendered abuse and coercion.
- Let's accept and celebrate peoples' different sexualities and gender identities, be they trans-gender or queers, heterosexual or questioning....
- We need to open a space for those whose voices are often drowned out to be able to speak and share, a space for others to truly listen.
- Let's make this space inclusive of people and their differing abilities. Let's challenge our own ignorance of the experiences of those around us.
- We want to have healthy cultures that know what to do when challenging things happen in our communities. What do we do when sexual assault occurs? How do we pull someone up on racist behaviour? How do we not silence each other in meetings? How do we challenge the patriarchal conditioning in which most caretaking, cleaning, cooking and childcare falls to women? How do we challenge gender roles? How do we respect Aboriginal elders? How do we coexist? We want to explore creative ways to work with and through conflict. We want to know what it might be to actually appreciate all the differences, all the hopes and fears we bring to these spaces.
- We want to create space together. A space that is safe, that is empowering for those who share it. A space that is respectful of each of our stories, our experiences, our pains and fears. We want to change the parts of the world that don't make sense, the parts that hurt, the parts built on oppression, coercion, marginalization and inequality. We dream of communities that take responsibility for their actions, collectively and as individuals. We want to start right here, right now in this community, in these relationships. For those reasons we begin this dialogue.

With love and respect

Camp Anarchy Collective (Adapted from the Loophole Collective Safer Spaces policy)

## Camp Anarchy Budget

Our budget for the camp is looking something like this:

### Income:

|                                           |               |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Adults (50 adults x 2 nights x \$20-\$25) | \$2250        |
| Stalls (10 x \$30)                        | \$300         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | <b>\$2550</b> |

### Expenditure:

|                                             |               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Camp Eureka fee                             | \$1000        |
| Postcards                                   | \$560         |
| Insurance                                   | \$660         |
| Reader printing (100% recycled, vegie-inks) | \$400         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>\$2620</b> |

This is all assuming we get at least 50 people camping for two nights. If you can and want to donate extra please do so, either at the gate/info point or by a direct deposit into our account:

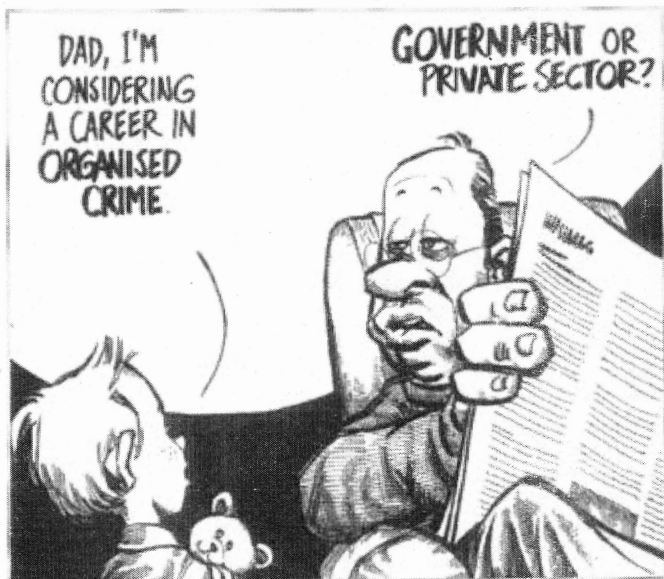
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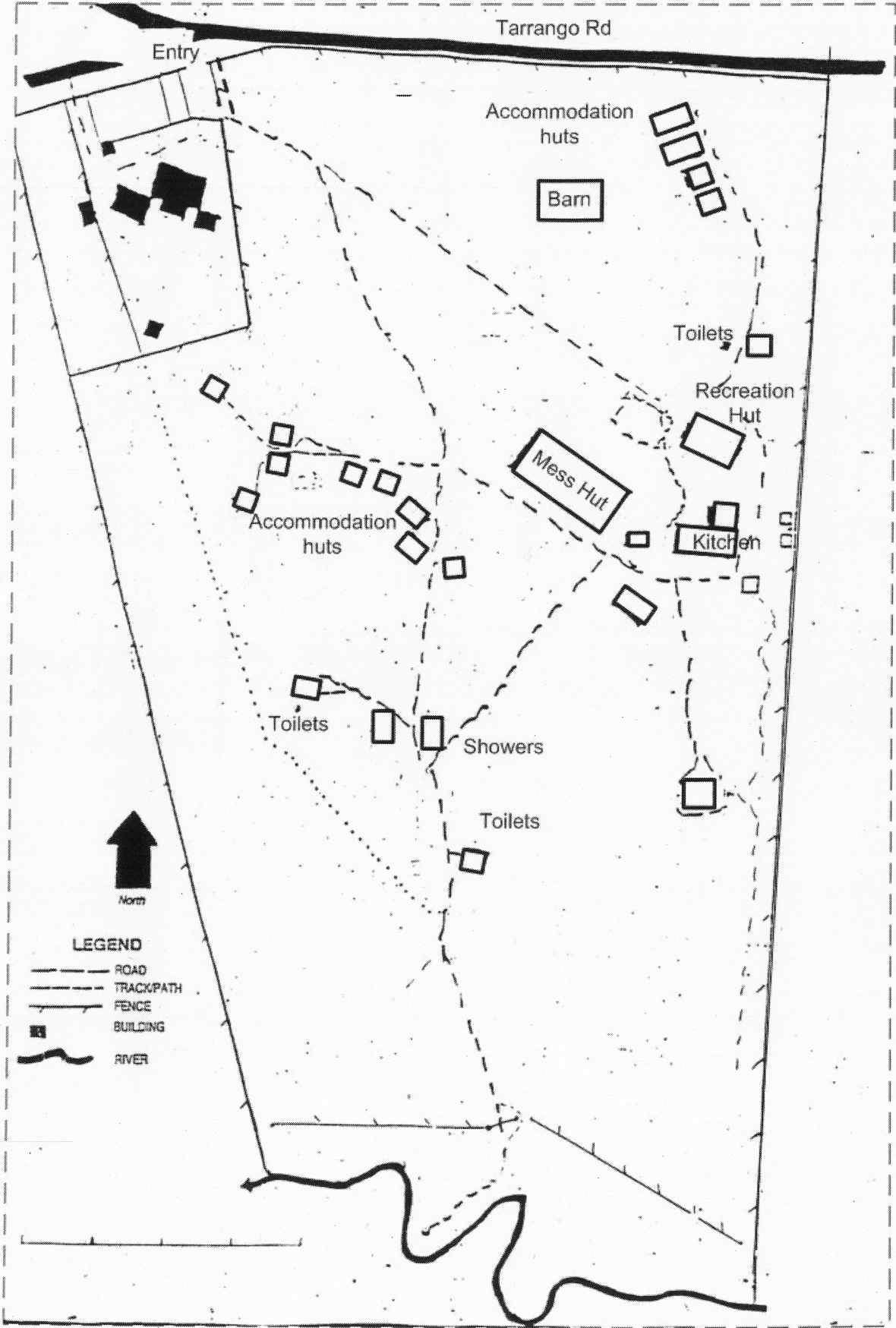
Thanks for coming along!

The Camp Anarchy Collective





# Camp Eureka Map



# Programme: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March

| Programme    | Recreation Hut                                   | Kitchen                                                                  | Mess Hut<br>(undercover)                           | The Jolly<br>Roger Kids<br>Space                    | Open Space<br>Tent                                                                                                | Outside (meet near<br>kitchen)     |                                   |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday     |                                                  |                                                                          |                                                    | Toys, activities, a kid friendly space to hang out. |                                                                                                                   |                                    |                                   |
| 11am         |                                                  |                                                                          |                                                    |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                    |                                   |
| 12noon       |                                                  | <u>LUNCH</u>                                                             |                                                    |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                    |                                   |
| 1pm          | Introduction to Anarchism                        | Disability and Anarchism                                                 | Stalls & radical history display all<br>afternoon. |                                                     | Afternoon workshop and skillshare<br>topics to be decided at lunchtime and<br>on the noticeboard beside the tent. | Singing share and radical<br>choir |                                   |
| 2pm          | Indigenous organising and<br>conflict resolution | Reclaim the future:<br>ensuring the collapse of a<br>nuclear renaissance |                                                    |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                    |                                   |
| 3pm          | Is Occupy Melbourne<br>Anarchist?                | Transition to Sharing                                                    |                                                    |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                    | Camp Eureka Tour                  |
| 4pm          | What kind of organisation<br>do we need?         | Freedom of Species &<br>Veganism                                         |                                                    |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                    | Juggling and twirling<br>workshop |
| 5pm          | Two minutes of infamy                            |                                                                          |                                                    |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                    |                                   |
| 6pm          |                                                  | <u>DINNER</u>                                                            |                                                    |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                    |                                   |
| 7pm          |                                                  |                                                                          |                                                    |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                    |                                   |
| 8pm-Midnight | Films all evening – see<br>page 15 for details.  |                                                                          | Bands                                              |                                                     |                                                                                                                   |                                    |                                   |

Programme: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March

| Sunday       | Recreation Hut                               | Kitchen                                                  | Mess Hall<br>(undercover)                       | The Jolly<br>Roger Kids<br>Space                    | Open Space Tent                                                                                             | Outside (meet near kitchen) |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11am         |                                              |                                                          |                                                 | Toys, activities, a kid friendly space to hang out. |                                                                                                             | Yoga                        |
| 12noon       |                                              | <u>LUNCH</u>                                             |                                                 |                                                     |                                                                                                             |                             |
| 1pm          | Stopping Business As Usual                   | Anarcho-syndicalism                                      | Stalls & radical history display all afternoon. |                                                     | Afternoon workshop and lunchtime and throughout the day – keep your eye on the noticeboard beside the tent. |                             |
| 2pm          | Climate Justice                              | Proposals from Latin America - Social Movements Assembly |                                                 |                                                     |                                                                                                             | Help Camp Eureka            |
| 3pm          | Climate Justice (cont)                       | Sex workers: Solidarity not Salvation                    |                                                 |                                                     |                                                                                                             | Help Camp Eureka (cont)     |
| 4pm          | The Good Pirates of the High Sea             | An Anarchist Strategy for Collapse                       |                                                 |                                                     |                                                                                                             |                             |
| 5pm          | Non-violent Direct Action                    | Anarcho, Critical & Queer                                |                                                 |                                                     |                                                                                                             |                             |
| 6pm          |                                              | <u>DINNER</u>                                            |                                                 |                                                     |                                                                                                             |                             |
| 7pm          |                                              |                                                          |                                                 |                                                     |                                                                                                             |                             |
| 8pm-Midnight | Films all evening – see page 15 for details. |                                                          | Participatory cabaret: 10 minutes of infamy!    |                                                     |                                                                                                             |                             |

Programme: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March

| Monday  | Recreation Hut                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------|------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 10am-12 | General Assembly & planning the<br>year ahead. |  |  |  |  |  |

## Bands

We had hoped to list the Saturday night bands here. Oh, well. Come and check them out anyway!

On Sunday evening The Guilts (<http://facebook.com/theguils>) will hopefully be introducing the participatory cabaret – come along and have 10 minutes to sing, read, rant or whatever.

## Stalls

- Sea Shepherd (<http://www.seashepherd.org>)
- The Sharehood (<http://thesharehood.org>)
- Friends of the Earth Anti-nuclear & Clean Energy Collective (<http://melbourne.foe.org.au>)
- Doing it Ourselves (<http://www.doingitourselves.org/>)
- Industrial Workers of the World (<http://www.iww.org.au/>)
- Loophole Community Centre (<http://loopholecommunitycentre.org/>)
- Latin America Solidarity Network (LASNET – <http://latinlasnet.org/>)
- Hey Sister Zine Distro
- Quit Coal (<http://quitcoal.org.au/>)
- Melbourne Anarchist Club (<http://mac.anarchobase.com/>)
- The Last Stand (<http://www.thelaststand.org.au/>)



## Workshop and skillshare outlines: Saturday

### **Saturday 1pm Recreation Hut: Introduction to Anarchism**

Come and discuss the practise and theory of anarchism past and present. Have a look at "A (very) brief history of modern-western anarchism" included in this reader.

### **Saturday 1pm Kitchen: Disability and Anarchism**

Punko Regarto will facilitate a discussion about disability and anarchism.

### **Saturday 2pm Recreation Hut: Indigenous organising and conflict resolution: a case from NE Arnhem Land**

Anarchists are fond of slogans like 'No Gods No Masters' and 'Absolute freedom, Absolute Responsibility' but what if we were to actually achieve these ideals? How would we deal with everyday



social process in a society in which there was a radical decentralization of power and authority? And how might we deal with conflict or instances and issues of social disorder? Who would we expect to take responsibility for who? Who would we expect to stick up for who? And what about the idea of 'non-violence'? What of the value of autonomy?

This session will speak to these kinds of questions and issues. This session will kick off with a presentation by Australian anthropologist (and fellow anarchist) Bree Blakeman.

Bree will present a case-study of conflict and resolution from her time living in remote NE Arnhem Land with her adoptive Yolngu family on what are known as the Indigenous Homelands. This network of Homeland communities is arguably the closest thing to a decentralized, non-hierarchical ideal that exists in Australia today. What similarities or differences might we identify or see? What points of issue or contention? – whatever we might think or feel about the case – let's use it as a springboard for discussion and hopefully debate – and take it from there!

### **Saturday 2pm Kitchen: Reclaim the future: ensuring the collapse of a nuclear renaissance**

As we draw closer to a year since the force of nature slammed a tsunami into the Northern coast of Japan, causing a triple nuclear meltdown at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear facility.

The whole world was watching more than 80,000 people be evacuated from the surrounding area, How have things changed for the evacuation zone in the Fukushima prefecture? What role does Australia play in fueling the nuclear chain of destruction?

For the nuclear powers that be, there are massive environmental, human rights & looming disasters on all stages of the nuclear chain, from uranium mining, power, waste & the secret world of atomic bombs & depleted uranium weapons

Arm yourself with the facts, create new ideas & take direct action in 2012

### **Saturday 3pm Recreation Hut: Is Occupy Melbourne Anarchist?**

The Occupy movement has forced inequality back onto the political agenda. What else has it achieved? What could it achieve? Is its anarchism explicit or implicit and what does this mean?





### **Saturday 3pm Kitchen: Transition to Sharing**

According to Wikipedia sharing is “the joint use of a resource or space. In its narrow sense, it refers to joint or alternating use of an inherently finite good, such as a common pasture or a shared residence. It is also the process of dividing and distributing. Still more loosely, ‘sharing’ can actually mean giving something as an outright gift: for example, to ‘share’ one’s food really means to give some of it away.”

People involved with the Sharehood believe that having fewer material possessions, sharing what we already have and working less would increase our quality of life. Other powerful sources of life satisfaction are possible with an alternative society based on a localised economy and co-operation include: a much more relaxed pace, having to spend less time working for money, having varied, enjoyable and worthwhile work to do, experiencing a supportive community, giving and receiving goods and services without money, growing some of our own food, keeping old clothes and devices in use, running a resource-cheap and efficient household, practising arts and crafts, participating in community activities, having a rich cultural experience involving local festivals, performances, arts and celebrations, being involved in governing one’s own affairs, living in a nice environment with farms and gardens, and being totally secure from unemployment and poverty and in old age or illness.

The main sources of our quality of life would be public and shared, through the meeting of our own needs, locally and collectively, self-sufficiently and sustainably and not reliant on exploitation of other people or the environment. The Sharehood provides a mechanism for beginning and continuing a sharing community in one’s neighbourhood, working with what resources and skills we already have. This workshop will explore how sharing is the way to a different future, and a critical element of an alternative to the market economy.

### **Saturday 4pm Recreation Hut: What kind of organisation do we need?**

This talk will attempt to answer the question in practical terms. I will consider some basic notions within anarchist organising such as delegation and federation. However, I will also propose a re-thinking of some basic ideas, for example by asking the question, what is the objective of anarchist organisation? I will propose that we should desire a unified anarchist politics that engages strategically in broader, social movements such as Occupy Melbourne, unions, cooperatives or other (broadly speaking) progressive struggles of the working class. We need organisational methods that reflect this aspiration, as well as reflecting the adversarial conflicts we will inevitably face, against other left political factions, liberals, capitalist firms large and small, and the state. Within this in mind, some key things to consider are: efficiency and division of labour within groups, strength in unity, defending and asserting our political autonomy, the role of revocable delegates making contingent decisions between meetings, how financial and physical assets of the organisation should be owned or controlled by the group, and how this relates to legal questions.

### **Saturday 4pm Kitchen: Freedom of Species & Veganism**

Animal agriculture – the antithesis of anarchy. If anarchy is the belief that a functional and prosperous society can exist without the use of coercion, violence, force and authority then animal agriculture needs to be given the boot!

Millions of Australian animals are denied basic rights, subjected to gross cruelty & slaughtered as juveniles for corporate profit. Old Macdonald left his farm long ago - selling up to the insatiable appetite of agribusiness.

Freedom of Species is a weekly radio program that explores our true relationship with animals and what everyone can do to contribute to a brighter future for you, the planet and the animals.

Come along and find out why the animal protection movement is the considered the next social justice movement.

Saturday 5pm Recreation Hut: Two minutes of infamy

Introduce your group! Everyone gets two minutes to say what they are doing and how people can get involved.

# THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

HELLO CHILDREN! I'M YOUR HOLO-GRAPHIC TEACHING INTERFACE, AND TODAY WE'LL BE STUDYING YOUR 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY ANCESTORS-- MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE **WANKIEST GENERATION**--

--THE GENERATION *SO* APPALLING, HISTORIANS HAD TO COIN AN ENTIRELY NEW ADJECTIVE JUST TO **DESCRIBE** THEM!



AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE WANKIEST GENERATION ARE RE-MEMBERED PRIMARILY FOR THE **SHEER IMMENSITY** OF THEIR **SHORT-SIGHTED SELF-ABSORPTION!**

FOR INSTANCE, IT IS DUE TO THEIR **DITHERING** AND **OUTRIGHT DENIAL** IN THE FACE OF **ADVANCING GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE**--



--THAT YOU BOYS AND GIRLS AND SEXUALLY INDETERMINATE MUTATIONS ARE ONLY ALLOWED OCCASIONAL VISITS TO THE PLANET'S SURFACE-- IN THE BRIEF LULLS BETWEEN **DEVASTATING CONTINENTAL HELL-STORMS!**

BUT THAT'S ONLY **PART** OF THE WANKIEST GENERATION'S **LEGACY!**



THEIR **ECONOMIC** INCOMPETENCE WAS AS STAGGERING AS IT WAS **IRRESPONSIBLE!** ADD IN THEIR PENCHANT FOR ENDLESS, POINTLESS **WARS**--AND THEIR WIDESPREAD ANTIPATHY TOWARD APPROPRIATELY PROGRESSIVE **TAXATION**--AND IT'S NO **WONDER** YOU CHILDREN WERE BORN 13 TRILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT--

--**APIECE!**

IT MAKES **ME** GRATEFUL THAT I'M JUST AN **A.I. SUBROUTINE!**



AND--YOU CHILDREN MAY NOT EVEN **KNOW** THIS, BUT ADULTS DID NOT **ALWAYS** LIVE IN FEAR OF BEING DECLARED "**UN-CITIZENS!**" BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THE "**BILL OF CONDITIONAL PRIVILEGES**" WAS ONCE KNOWN AS THE "**BILL OF RIGHTS!**"

BUT YOUR ANCESTORS WERE AFRAID OF SO VERY MANY THINGS--**DEMO-CRACY** NEVER HAD A CHANCE OF SURVIVING **THEIR** STEWARDSHIP.



AND OF COURSE WE CAN'T FORGET THE **TOXIC SLUDGE CONTAINMENT ZONES**--OR, AS THEY WERE KNOWN BEFORE YOU-KNOW-WHO GOT AHOLD OF THEM--**OCEANS!**

BUT YOU CHILDREN WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT **THAT** IN OUR **NEXT LESSON!**

AT LEAST, THOSE OF YOU WHO MAN-AGE TO **SURVIVE** ANOTHER WEEK!

**BEST OF LUCK!**

**BUH-BYE!**



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## **Workshop and skillshare outlines: Sunday**

### **Sunday 1pm Recreation Hut: Stopping Business As Usual**

Squatting against freeways and "development": blockades barricades and D-locks... What tactics work? When can the state co-opt us? When do we fold a failed campaign? When does a campaign move from being an annoyance to the state to outright rebellion?

This workshop is initiated by Jessica, who has been involved with many actions/campaigns since the 70's squatting in Brisbane. Some examples will be the Mary River Dam campaign in Queensland and the campaign against the desalinisation plant in Wonthaggi, Victoria.

### **Sunday 1pm Kitchen: Anarcho-syndicalism**

Come hear members of the Melbourne Anarchist Club talk about syndicalism.

### **Sunday 2pm Recreation Hut: Climate Justice**

Come and talk about the ideas and current practice around climate justice, from locking onto mining equipment near Melbourne to keep coal in the ground, to supporting wind farms and other renewables, and blockading coal shipments heading overseas.

We will discuss the underlying assumptions around the main groupings in the movement, and have a map of active groups in and around Melbourne, and discuss which ones have been co-opted by the state (or at least by the Labour party) and which ones haven't.

### **Sunday 2pm Kitchen: Proposals from Latin America - Social Movements Assembly**

Building up to join the global action against capitalism from 5 of June 2012.

Last 27-30 January social movements around the world gathered in the Assembly of the Social Movements during the Thematic Social Forum in Porto Alegre (Brazil), discussed and concludes future actions in this long struggle with corporations and rich dominant sectors of our society, our workshop will explore and report back about this amazing meeting just happening a week ago. Some of the ideas are registered in one of the final declaration paragraphs:

"People all over the world are suffering the effects of the aggravation of a profound crisis of capitalism, in which its agents (banks, transnational corporations, media conglomerates, international institutions, and submissive governments) aim at increasing their profits applying interventionist and neo-colonial policies. War, military occupations, free-trade neoliberal treaties and 'austerity measures', expressed as economic packages that privatize state companies, cut wages and rights, increase unemployment, and ravage natural resources. Such policies strike the richer countries of the North harder and are increasing migration, forced displacement, evictions, debt, and social inequalities."

"Inspired by the history of our struggles and the inspiring strength of movements like the Arab Spring, Occupy Wall St., 'indignados', the struggle of Chilean students, the unionist in Colombia, the landless workers in Brazil, Women and indigenous peoples, the Social Movements Assembly call upon popular forces and activists of all countries to mobilize actions - coordinated at world level - to contribute to people's emancipation and self-determination, reinforcing the fight against capitalism."



### **Sunday 3pm Recreation Hut: Climate Justice (cont – see previous page for description)**

### **Sunday 3pm Kitchen: Sex workers: Solidarity not Salvation**

Sex workers are some of the most marginalised and discriminated against workers in this country. Not only are we discriminated against by politicians, police and the conservative right but we also face discrimination by activists who claim to have our best interests at heart. I believe that before you can help anyone you first need to listen to them: there are many strong, articulate, passionate sex workers advocating for our rights but getting our voices out there into a public sphere that would often rather not listen is an uphill battle, but one we will continue to fight. I'm here to talk about my experiences as an anarchist and a sex worker and to open up a dialogue on how best to offer solidarity to sex workers.

### **Sunday 4pm Recreation Hut: The Good Pirates of the High Sea**

Alice Wilkin, Sea Shepherd volunteer, will give a brief history of the direct action marine conservation group Sea Shepherd – from 1977 to the present, from Canada to Australia and many other oceans in between.

The workshop will cover the past and present direct action successes and the evolving strategies and tactics of these modern-day good pirates.

### **Sunday 4pm Kitchen: An Anarchist Strategy for Collapse**

We're not just facing climate change and other environmental problems, our economy is falling apart due to peaking resources, particularly oil, as well as a build-up of debt similar to what caused the great depression. This is the beginning of the end of large scale capitalism. While so-called 'lifestyle anarchism', has never done much in the past for anyone beyond those who've gotten involved in it, things are different now, and much of the world is looking for and needing an alternative to working and consuming. As our economies decline, people are looking to their neighbours, their families and their communities for non-market ways to sustain themselves and find security. There is already a large and growing transition movement that is helping people meet these needs in anarchistic ways. This workshop will argue that now is the time to start building a new society in the shell of the old, and this time round, we may just be able to bring everyone else along with us.

### **Sunday 5pm Recreation Hut: Non-Violent Direct Action (NVDA)**

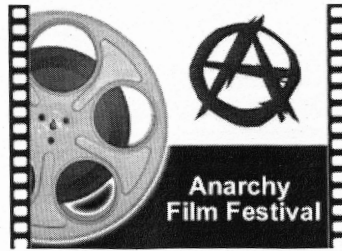
This workshop will provide an introduction to NVDA: what is it, what is effective about it, and tactics... Case studies from Quit Coal, The Last Stand forest activists, and anti-nuclear actions will be discussed in an open, participatory forum.

### **Sunday 5pm Kitchen: Anarcho, Critical & Queer**

This open discussion will introduce talking points around alternative conceptions of queerness that are more anarchistic, including a critical analysis of the oppressive social institution of marriage and other queer issues that are constantly being swept under the proverbial carpet by the mainstream gay & lesbian lobby and their media outlets that favour the conservative push for marriage rights and assimilation, possibly to the point of destroying queer culture. Other potential talking points include issues based around queer people of colour, homelessness, HIV/AIDS, intoxication culture within the LGBTIQ community, queer spaces, and sexualised racism. Copies of a paper given at a conference recently in Melbourne by US/Canada based queer activist Ryan Conrad will be available.



# Camp Anarchy Film Festival



*The following films will be shown through the weekend at various showings, as well as various uTube films and radio podcasts. Check out schedule at the tent.*

## **Sally's Story**

M.Anderson, 21mins/2011/Australia

A coming of age tale. Self proclaimed bi-sexual transgender Jewish cowgirl Sally Goldner tell her story of self-discovery, as she navigate the gender path on the way to her 45<sup>th</sup> birthday. A coming of age tale and personal portrait of inspiring Melbourne transgendered woman Sally Goldner activist, drummer/singer/songwriter, stand-up comic and radio DJ.

## **Winstanley**

Brownlow & Mollo, 92mins/1975/UK

1649. With poverty and unrest sweeping England, a group of impoverished men and women, known as the Diggers, form a settlement on St. George's Hill, Surrey. Inspired by the visionary leader of Gerrard Winstanley the community's tireless, yet peaceful, attempts to assert their right to cultivate and share the wealth of the commonland, are met with crushing hostility from local landowners and government troops.

## **In Prison My Whole Life**

M.Ellis/93mins/2007/UK

Twenty-five year old William Francombe's investigation into the arrest of Mumia Abu Jamal, framed death-row prisoner and award-winning Black Panther journalist. Francombe, born on the day of Mumia's 1981 arrest, engages intellectuals, writers and musicians in an effort to expose the truth about justice in America for black activists in general and Mumia in particular.

## **Matewan**

J.Sayles/135mins/1987/USA

A small town in the 1920's West Virginia explodes when unionists clash with the owners of a tyrannical coal company. Ernest labour leader Joe Kenehan arrives in Matewan to try and better the lives of the men and women of this 'company town' through unionization. But in his efforts to organise the workers of the Stone Mountain Coal Company, he ignites a powder keg of racial hostility, corruption and betrayal – and touches off one of the most violence incidents in the history of the Coal Wars of 1920-21.

## **Heart of the Factory,**

Molina-Ardito, 129mins/2008/Argentina

The film is about the workers of Zanon Ceramic in Argentina. They take the factory in their own hands when the owner closes it. They start to produce ceramics again, but without bosses. We were living and filming inside the factory for 2 years.

## **How the West Was Lost**

D.Noakes/66mins/1987/Australia

The story of the 1946 Aboriginal Pastoral Workers' Strike that has never officially ended. Passive resistance was used by Aboriginal station workers to protest against appalling living and working conditions and exploitation on sheep stations in Western Australia.

## **The People Speak**

Moore, Arnove and Zinn, 113mins/2009/USA

A peoples history of the United States and voices of a people's history. 'Democracy is not a spectator sport'.

## **There But for Fortune**

K.Bowser/97mins/2010/USA

Phil Ochs was an uncompromising artist who believed in the power of music as a tool for social and political change. His songs provide a stirring soundtrack throughout the film. From youthful idealism to rage to pessimism, the arch of Och's life paralleled that of the time, and the anger, satire and righteous indignation drove his music also drove him to dark despair.

## **The Ballad of Joe Hill**

B. Widerberg, time/1971/Sweden-USA

Joe Hill and the Wobblies – a Swedish re-enactment. Hear the songs, and see why the authorities can't kill the ideas of the Industrial Workers of the World.

## **End:Civ**

F.Lopez, 75mins/2011/Canada

The causes underlying the collapse of civilizations are usually traced to overuse of resources. As we write this, the world is reeling from economic chaos, peak oil, climate change, environmental degradation, and political turmoil. Every day, the headlines re-hash stories of scandal and betrayal of the public trust. We don't have to make outraged demands for the end of the current global system - it seems to be coming apart already. But acts of courage, compassion and altruism abound, even in the most damaged places. By documenting the resilience of the people hit hardest by war and repression, and the heroism of those coming forward to confront the crisis head-on, END:CIV illuminates a way out of this all-consuming madness and into a saner future.

## **The Molly Maguires,**

M.Ritt/124mins/1970/USA

Set in late 19th-century Northeastern Pennsylvania, this social drama tells the story of an undercover detective sent to a coal mining community to expose a secret society of Irish-American miners battling exploitation at the hand of the owners. Partly inspired by a true story, the film portrays the rebellious leader of the Molly Maguires and his will to achieve social justice.

# A (very) brief history of modern-western anarchism<sup>1</sup>

**1789:** The French revolution. The idea of 'radical democracy' – where all men(!), irrespective of wealth, should be able to vote – gains popularity. The Left is split between whether equality should extend to economic equality or only entail legal and political equality.

**1840:** Pierre-Joseph Proudhon (the first self proclaimed anarchist) publishes *What Is Property?* famously pronouncing 'property is theft'.

**1848** Another French revolution is one of a wave of revolutions sweeping over Europe. After a few years these have all failed...

**Mikhail Bakunin** (1814-1876) starts or inspires secret anarchist societies throughout Europe. He is often credited with creating the anarchist movement.

**1860s:** The Age of Capital is in full swing: the telegraph, railways, steam engines and industrialisation sweeps across much of the globe. The word **capitalism** gains common currency.

**1867:** Karl Marx publishes *Das Kapital*

**1871:** The Paris Commune: the first assumption of power by the working class is ruthlessly suppressed with perhaps 80,000 dead and executed.

**Peter Kropotkin** (1842-1921): *The Conquest of Bread* (1892) & *Mutual Aid* (1902) considered along with Proudhon & Bakunin to be the three key classical anarchists of the time.

**1886:** Haymarket massacre (USA): after a bomb kills police eight anarchists are tried for murder and four are executed although the prosecution concedes none of the defendants threw the bomb.

**Emma Goldman** (1869-1940) is politicised by the Haymarket massacre and devotes her life to anarchism and the liberation of oppressed peoples.

**1914-18:** World War I; **1920s:** fascism rises to power; **1930s:** Great Depression;

**1917:** Russian Revolution: many anarchists are imprisoned.

**1936:** Spanish civil war and revolution is probably the peak of explicitly anarchist activity with several regions of Spain briefly being run along anarchist principles.

**1935-39:** World War II

**Colin Ward** (1924-2010): UK anarchist who wrote on a range of anarchist ideas applicable to everyday social reality.

**Murray Bookchin** (1921-2006): US anarchist and founder of the social ecology movement.

**1968:** the Situationists inspire general strikes and protest in France and around the world.

**1970s:** Anti Vietnam war, counter culture, modern feminist and black power movements all heavily influenced by anti-authoritarian and anarchist ideals.

**1994:** The Zapatistas in Mexico go public on the day when the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) comes into effect.

**1999:** The WTO Ministerial Conference is shutdown by a network of protestors – what Naomi Klein describes as 'a movement of movements' and a decade of 'summit protests' is instigated.

**2011:** one of the most notable aspects of the Arab Spring is its lack of leaders – it is a network protest toppling dictators.

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<sup>1</sup> For details see: *Demanding the Impossible: A History of Anarchism* by Peter Marshall; *Anarchism: A History of Libertarian Ideas and Movements* by George Woodcock; *The Age of Revolution/Capital/Empire/Extremes* by E. J. Hobsbawm

## **Anarchist principles**

Anarchism is fundamentally the struggle for freedom and equality. Most (but not all) flavours of (left-wing) anarchism are therefore:

- Anti-state: believing that laws and government favour the rich – thus they don't think meaningful change can come through the ballot box;
- Anti-capitalist: believing that greed and exploitation are harmful – thus promoting workers cooperatives and mutual aid societies;
- For direct action: believing that we should not wait for others to fix society but should change it ourselves;
- Horizontal and anti-authoritarian: believing that coercion and domination degrades everyone – thus anarchist groups use networks (as opposed to hierarchies);
- Participatory, but believing participation should be voluntary.

## **Modern anarchist practise**

Anarchism has influenced and inspired many areas of activism and direct action. Some current activities in and around Melbourne include:

- Squatting: occupying unused housing;
- Many forms of activism including: forest activism, anti-whaling activism, climate justice movements, refugee support and anti-detention activism;
- Food not bombs: using food that would otherwise be wasted to feed people;
- Social centres: autonomous zones such as Loophole Community Centre and Melbourne Anarchist Resource Centre;
- Community media: trying to challenge the inherent biases of the capitalist media by providing alternatives such as Indymedia, 3CR, Breakdown Press, etc;
- Prisoner solidarity: the Anarchist Black Cross supports those imprisoned for struggling for freedom and liberty.
- Libertarian education: many schools offer alternatives to mainstream authoritarian education pedagogies, e.g. Fitzroy Community School, Candlebark School, the Reggio-Emilia-inspired stream at Collingwood College, Alia College, Preshil.

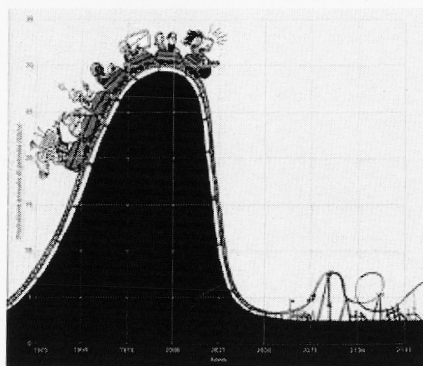
# Doing It Ourselves

## to get through the economic, resources and environmental crises and build a better world

The world is changing extremely fast at the moment. What things have always been like is no longer a precursor for the future. We have an opportunity now to really create a positive future allowing people happiness, meaningful work and security.

Here are some of the things going on:

- Peak oil is the concept that we have used up all the easy to get at oil in the world. What's left is increasingly expensive and harder to get out of the ground. And oil is what makes our world go round – think transport of the food supply and everything else, driving, farm machinery, pesticides, plastics, asphalt, pharmaceuticals, etc.
- Peak resources means it's not just oil. Natural gas, high grade uranium, many rare earth minerals, phosphorus and many others have already peaked as well. Even coal will probably peak within 40 years. We don't have the physical resources or energy anymore to keep the crazy levels of consumerism and work going as we have so far.
- Climate change and environmental issues we all know about: we're facing more intense natural disasters more often, problems for biodiversity and food supply and increases in disease. We're also reaching peak fresh water, some people talk about peak soil, we've got all kinds of scary environmental problems going on, even besides climate change.
- Peak debt is about the financial crises of the past few years. Debt has been increasing exponentially because of the fractional reserve banking system ever since the last depression when it was all wiped out. The same thing is happening now. More and more people will continue to lose their jobs, their houses, their ability to keep food on the table. We're in the beginning of a depression that our economies will probably never bounce back from because of peaking oil and resources.



Now all of this could spell complete collapse and probably fascism. But millions of people all over the world are already working to ensure that doesn't happen. Here are some of the things they're working on:

- Appropriate technology has stopped being just for the so-called third world. Design and use of stuff like highly efficient wood stoves, called rocket stoves, composting toilets, evaporative coolers instead of fridges and plenty more are all increasing. This means we can meet our needs with stuff we can make ourselves without having to buy stuff or pay bills.
- Permaculture, local food, organic food and growing it ourselves are all getting bigger and bigger as well. This is all about taking our power back from the industrial food complex, deciding what we put in our bodies and engaging in the meaningful work of growing food.
- Community and sharing are both growing as well. Knowing one's neighbours and being able to give and receive help is essential to living through hard times. This stuff is already on the rise just because people are starved for connection, as well as the need to save money.
- Voluntary simplicity is the idea that the simpler our lives are, the less stuff we need, the less we need to work, the more time we can spend with family and friends, or learning or doing fun stuff. This kind of life means that we're much happier, and that's helping encourage people to get involved in all this.

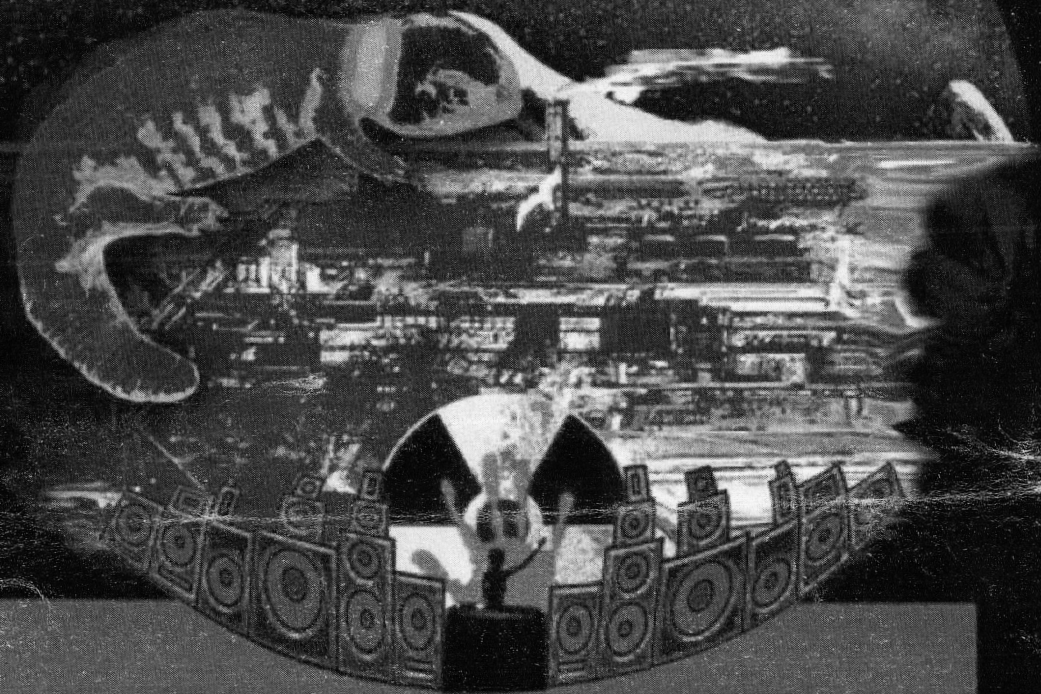
The world could still go either way, but the more energy people put into preparing themselves and their communities for a new life less based on capitalism and more on our communities and what we can do for ourselves, the more likely it is that we will end up with the world we want. The less we buy, the less power corporations and governments have over us. This is positive direct action, simply going ahead and building the new world in the shell of the old. No one is stopping us.

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# THE LIZARD'S REVENGE

SHUT ROXBURY DOWN  
FESTIVAL AT THE GATES OF HELL.



Sleeping underneath the ground there is an old lizard, Kalta the sleepy lizard.  
The lizard ain't so sleepy anymore.  
BHP is mining right into that Lizards body.

Kalta is angry and wants revenge. Arabana elder Kevin Buzzacott is calling the people of the world to help the lizard shut down the mine.  
He is calling for people to come and heal the land in the name of peace and justice for the next 10,000 generations to come.

The land, the lizard and the creatures of this earth are summoning everybody who gives a shit to the gates of Roxby Downs.  
For a Rolling Blockade music/arts festival to protest against the expansion of the largest uranium mine in the world.

Party in a Dangerous Planet with Theatre, Cabaret and Art installations. Over 20 musical acts. Solar Powered sound system extravaganza and wind powered cinema. More to be announced...

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